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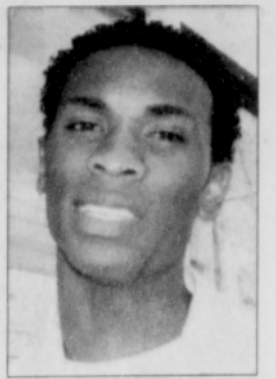


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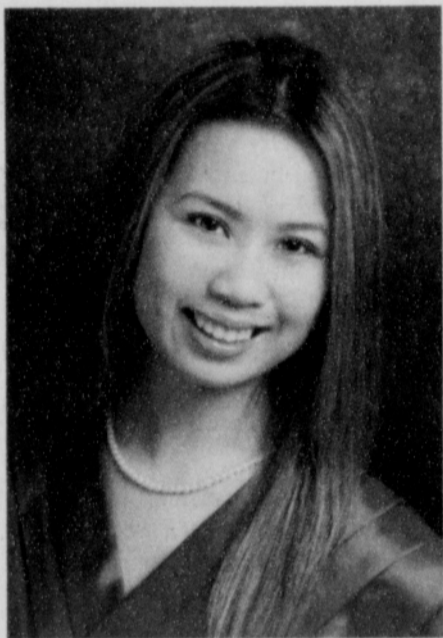
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Achievement Counts

Rose Festival showcases outstanding young women

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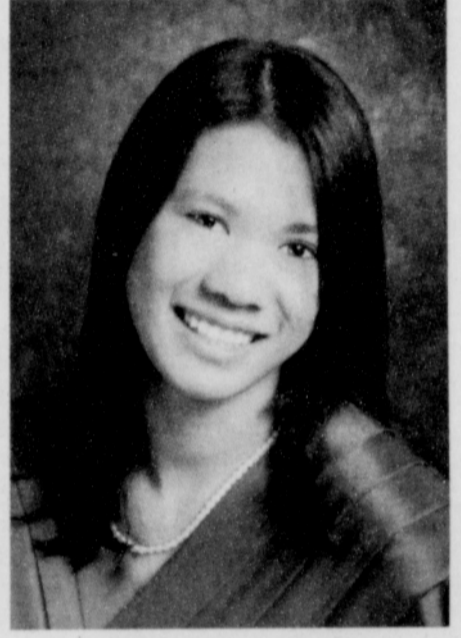
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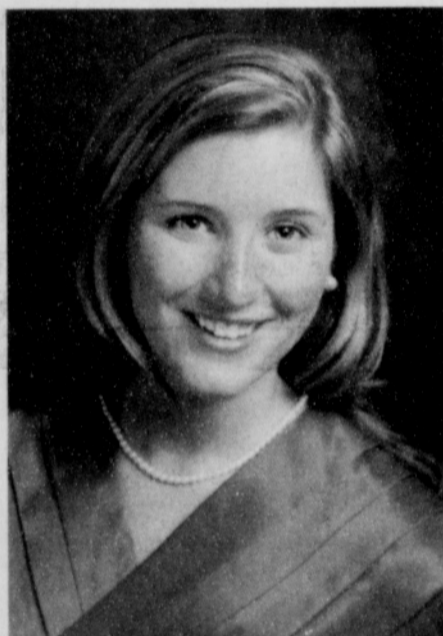
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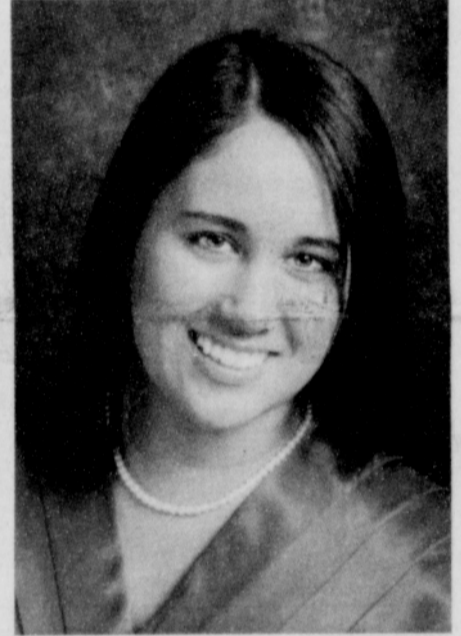
Bryndle Rueck, Franklin



Angela Gill, Jefferson



Rachel Helen Castañeda, Cleveland



Nicole Gutierrez, David Douglas



Nicole Roberts, Lincoln



Kristina Stone, Madison



Rosa Montoya, Roosevelt



Bonnie Watson, Wilson

They have been chosen.

Every year the Portland Rose Festival Association chooses local nominees for Portland Rose Festival Queen based on leadership and scholastic achievement, school activities, civic involvement, volunteer projects, communication skills and overall impressions.

Out of 14 outstanding women selected from Portland-area high schools, one is crowned at the Queen's Coronation.

The mission of the Rose Festival Court is to showcase outstanding Portland area young women while offering opportunities for further education and networking; to take the Rose Festival out into the community; and to offer thanks to festival sponsors and contributors.

Each ambassador is awarded a \$3,500 scholarship courtesy of The Randall Group and Pacific Power. In addition, Pacific Power female executives have been matched with court members in a first-of-its-kind mentorship program.

Each court member represents her school throughout the months of May

and June at many community events, including meetings with business leaders, visits to hospitals and senior living centers.

This year, the entertaining Corona-

tion event will be held on Thursday, June 2 at 8:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. The event can also be watched live, beginning with a preview show at 8 p.m., on

WB cable channel 3 or over-the-air channels 4 and 32.

Tickets in advance are \$12 general, \$6 students. To purchase tickets, visit www.rosefestival.org.

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Week in The Review

Hard-liner Chosen As Pope

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the Catholic Church's leading hard-liner, was elected the new pope Tuesday evening in the first conclave of the new millennium. He chose the name Pope Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker." Ratzinger is the first German pope since the 11th Century. See story on page A2.

Moussaoui Offers Plea

Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person in the U.S. charged in connection with the



Sept. 11 attacks, is offering for a second time to plead guilty and a federal judge is evaluating whether to accept the plea, a legal source said Tuesday. The government has accused Moussaoui of participating in an al-Qaida conspiracy to commit terrorism that included the 2001 attacks.

17 Afghans, Turk Freed From Center

Seventeen Afghan men released from the U.S. detention center for terror suspects in Guantanamo Bay were turned over to

local authorities in Kabul on Tuesday with a warning not to discuss mistreatment at the facility. Chief Justice Fazl Hadi Shinwari urged the men not to complain of bad treatment, warning it could jeopardize the chances for more releases.

Jackson Defense Challenges Photos

Michael Jackson's defense attorney on Tuesday challenged the authenticity of photographs that appeared to show the mother of the pop star's accuser with severe bruises from an alleged beating by store security guards that led to her family receiving more than \$150,000 in a lawsuit settlement.

New Food Pyramids Issued

Concerned about steadily expanding

waistlines, the government flipped the food pyramid on its side, adding a staircase for exercise and giving consumers 12 individually-tailored models for improving their eating habits. Exercise is key to the new system, represented on the new pyramids by the figure of a person climbing steps.

